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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016.
Thank you!



From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 3:24 PM
To: HarborComments
Cc: Barbara Roberts
Subject: Harbor Comments

I am writing in regard to the clean up of the Willamette River Superfund Site.

I agree with the Autubon Society suggestions regarding the Willamette River. The Willamette River is too important to the life of our area to leave 85% of the contaminated area the way it is. Our people and our wildlife are at risk for generations. I believe human life and animal life are important. Everyone should be able to eat the fish from the river and people should be able to swim and boat in the water without fear of becoming ill. We should not be thought of in the same terms as Brazil. We are better than that.

The companies responsible for polluting the Willamette River should be responsible for paying for its cleanup. The government and the people who live here should not be responsible to pay for someone else's negligence.

The river should be dredged of the toxic waste to remove it from the Willamette and be taken to an appropriate landfill where it will not affect the livability of that area. The companies that caused this problem should have to pay for the removal and proper disposal of the waste.

Planning only a small portion of the cleanup to be made and then to hope that the river will clean itself up eventually by sending the waste to the ocean is irresponsible. Why should the people upstream suffer from our carelessness in caring for our natural resources?

Thank you for listening to my rant! I have lived in Oregon all my life and have lived in Portland since I was six years old. I love this city and I love our rivers. I am eighty-one years old and believe we should respect the gift of such a beautiful area that we are able to live in. We are responsible for caring for this land and we should take the responsibility seriously. I know that Big Money from the Big Corporations that caused the problems in our beloved river can speak louder than I can, but I hope that you will listen to us little people when we say PLEASE CLEAN UP THE WILLAMETTE RIVER.

My mother gave me the Columbia Gorge as my heritage and I want to leave my great-grandchildren a clean Willamette River.

Sincerely,

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